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Reflecting on a holiday



by Nicol Diarra Davis

In light of the recent King holiday, many African Americans are reflecting on the struggle of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and wondering if life for black people is much better today. Many African Americans are also thinking about Dr. King's "I have a dream..."

speech, and debating whether or not it has become yet another "dream deferred."

According to Rev. DeForest "Buster" Soaries, pastor of First Baptist Church in Somerset, "This speech that is commonly referred to as King's 'I have a dream' speech was not an 'I have a dream' speech."

Rev. Soaries explained that the speech that King delivered in 1963 during the March on Washington had been delivered before with economic undertones. He notes that it is the issue of the

speech that should be remembered.

"It was a speech that dealt with justice and injustice. It was about the injustice that had historically plagued America," Rev. Soaries said. "The speech itself dealt with the inequities in America as it related to everybody in America."

Rev. Soaries notes that Martin Luther King's birthday "is not a black holiday." He feels that "the theme of the King holiday is one of justice not blackness."

"As we pause to commemorate his birthday, (continued on page 2)

'No violence on King Holiday' wife urges

ATLANTA, GA.—The annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was officially observed Monday, January 18, in hundreds of communities throughout the United States and the world, following a ten-day "King Week" of activities in Atlanta, officials of the King Center for Non-Violent Social Change announced.

In opening the celebration, the civil-rights martyr's widow, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, called for a "one day, world-wide moratorium on violence" on the national holiday.

"If we can demonstrate that most of the world can go just one day without major armed conflict, then it might someday be possible for a moratorium on violence to last several days, or a week, a month, or even a year," she declared.

"It is important to remember that King Week is not just about celebrating the legacy of a great American leader. It is about educating and training people in his non-violent philosophy and strategy so they will be able to apply his teachings in their struggles against hunger, and joblessness, discrimination, bigotry, war and all forms of

violence," the widow continued.

The 1993 observance was designed to launch what Dr. King called "a new revolution of values." Mrs. King emphasized in listing the "diverse participants addressing the major crisis we face today." The "cutting-edge" leaders were identified as former President Jimmy Carter; Haiti's President-in-Exile, Jean Bertrand Aristide; Sen. Harris Wofford (D-PA); Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA); Georgia Gov. Zell Miller; Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson; Patricia Ireland; Sarah Brady; and Revs. Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson.

Beginning with an Interfaith Clergy Conference at the King Center Freedom Hall, the Atlanta activities featured public hearings on gun control, Services of Rededication to Peace and Justice, a National Youth Against Violence Symposium, Freedom Train Rides to Stone Mountain, Ga., and a Selma to Atlanta Relay.

The week was climaxed by a Labor-Management-Government Social Responsibility Seminar, the annual Salute to Greatness Dinner, the State of the Dream address and

the awarding of the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Prize by his daughter, Rev. Bernice King, on the official holiday.

Another highlight of the observance is a scheduled collegiate conference on "Two Paths to Liberation" featuring a discussion on the "Eradication Seeking" techniques of Dr. King and Malcolm X by Mrs. King, activist-business leader Percy Sutton, Dr. Robert Franklin and Reverend Jackson.

In Washington (D.C.), four out-

standing area choirs were featured in an Interfaith Tribute to Dr. King at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall in a presentation by the Choral Arts Society and the Howard University Choirs. The performances included the McKinley Senior High School Choir and the combined Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church/First Baptist Korean Choirs.

The National King Holiday Commission also held Interfaith Services at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in cooperation with the D.C.

Support Communion. Participating groups included the Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Choir, the Collesville United Methodist Church and Islamic, Jewish, Mormon and Sikh faith community members. The Commission also urged participation in Freedom Bell ringing ceremonies in Philadelphia and other cities in conjunction with Presidential Inaugural bell ringing services.

Taking note of the inauguration week activities, Mrs. King said "as we celebrate the 50th national Martin

Luther King Jr. holiday, we share the hopes of millions of Americans that the new administration will provide leadership to fulfill Dr. King's dream. We are encouraged that President-elect Clinton has nominated the most diverse cabinet in the nation's history."

"We also share Dr. King's strongly-held belief, however, that the people must set the National Agenda and lead the politicians, the Nation and World to a greater Destiny."

Newark aims to 'Get the Lead Out'

NEWARK—City of Newark officials recently introduced a three-point Lead Poisoning Prevention initiative that will protect children exposed to lead hazards in their environment. Mayor Sharpe James said the plan includes three components — education, a \$1.5 million safe housing project and stepped up enforcement of lead ordinances.

According to Bobi Ruffin, director of the Health and Human Services (HHS) department, the program "education plank will provide in-service training on prevention for day care centers, Parent Teacher Associations (PTA's), community organizations, citizen groups, elementary schools and medical students."

"Nutrition," Ruffin noted, "is a key element of the program. We will stress the importance of children having a balanced diet high in iron, calcium and magnesium because a good sound nutritional baseline will eliminate the need for children to put things in their mouths."

The education component also includes an aggressive publicity campaign to call attention to the effects of lead in the environment and lead burdened children through public service announcements, place mats distributed to local restaurants and posters for churches and community organizations.

The second part of the plans calls for a \$1.5 million Safe House/Abatement Project to be funded by a grant from the federal government. Temporary housing for affected children and their families will be provided until their permanent residences are free from lead hazards.

City Business Administrator Glenn Grant said the HHS Department



Campaigning for Newark's new Lead Poisoning Prevention Initiative are young residents of the city, City Business Administrator Glenn Grant (l) and Director of HHS Bobi Ruffin (r).

and Development Department will contract with qualified vendors to conduct the abatement. Eligible homeowners, he explained, will be able to secure loans to hire the experienced contractors to remove lead. "The city wants to ensure that the landlords abate all lead violations as soon as possible. Our interest is in the children."

Mayor James said that Senator Will Bradley and Senator Frank Lautenberg were "very instrumental" in having the funds earmarked, and Congressman Donald Payne has also been supportive of anti-lead efforts.

Sen. Bradley, author of the "Lead Ban" provision in the 1986

Safe Drinking Water Act, praised Mayor James and Ruffin for their efforts to protect children from the dangers of lead. "The pervasiveness of lead in our environment makes this Newark program very important, especially for children, who suffer the most from over-exposure to lead," Bradley said.

"I am hopeful," Congressman Payne said, "that this concerted effort to attack the problem of lead contamination will produce positive results for the children of Newark and their families."

In the last component of the lead prevention program, Mayor James said the City intends to strictly enforce its lead poisoning ordi-

nances, and that his administration has proposed legislation that will amend the existing municipal ordinances. The proposed amendment calls for more stringent standards for investigation and prosecution of lead violations in housing. It will also give landlords no more than 10 days to remove the lead from the home, with no extensions permitted, and it will impose up to a \$1000 fine for each day they are overdue.

"We are very serious about our lead poisoning prevention efforts," James said, "and we will not put our children and their families in jeopardy."

For more information, contact the Newark HHS, 201-733-5310.

Burkins honored by Drew University

MADISON—Rev. Robert Norris Burkins, or "The Miracle of East Orange" as he is known by congregants and neighbors, is this year's recipient of Drew University's Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award. Rev. Burkins received the award on January 18, during the university's annual Martin Luther King Celebration.

"I don't know what I've done to warrant this, but I feel honored," said Rev. Burkins.

Burkins, pastor of Elmwood United Presbyterian Church, was honored for both his commitment to the principles that the late civil rights leader embodied and his belief that "the church" is not a building but a community.

Burkins has followed his vision to create a better life for the community and has helped to implement after-school programs, a health ministry program, a black business support group, prayer groups for senior citizens, and numerous other support and education groups that teach



Rev. Robert Norris Burkins

the people to "earn, learn and love," in the words of a community member.

"I feel (this award) is a tribute to the congregation," said Burkins. (continued on page 2)

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

EAST ORANGE—PAGE 1 will host a workshop, "Bridging the Gap Part II—Parenting: Planning for Parental Involvement for Effective Schools," from 7 to 9 p.m. at Vernon L. Darter Junior High School's Media Center. For more info contact Ernestine Harris at 201-414-8622 (evenings).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

ORANGE—Tri-state area women are invited to attend the second annual conference sponsored by Women of Purpose Ministries entitled "Arose and Shine for Your Light has Truly Come." The conference will be held through January 21, 1993 at the Love of Jesus Family Church. The deadline to register is January 20. For more info call 201-676-4250.

HACKENSACK—"If I Only Knew What I Really Wanted to Do," a workshop for women sponsored by the Career and Life Counseling Center, will explore your personal values and interests and how to discuss how to connect them with jobs that bring satisfaction and financial well-being. For more info and to register for the free workshop call 201-343-6005, ext. 299.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Public Library will celebrate 90 years of providing excellent service to the City's citizens with an Open House at the Main library between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—There will be a "Disco Extravaganza" at the Embassy Suites Hotel from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. to kick off the Weekend Celebration to observe the beginning of the fourth year of Mayor Harold Mitchell's administration. For tickets call 908-764-7475 or 908-561-6313.

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Area Church Women United invites the Ecumenical Council of the Annual Meeting and Reception at 1:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

NEWARK—The Newark School of the Garden State Ballet will hold Spring Scholarship tryouts for boys and girls age 7 to 12. Children who are selected will enter a three week introductory Program offering free instruction in ballet/jazz. For complete information as to the time of the tryouts, contact the school, 45 Academy Street, 201-823-4933.

IRVINGTON—If you are pregnant, live in New Jersey and have assets/income that fall between 10% and 185% and 300% of the U.S. federal poverty level, you may be eligible to enroll in the New Jersey Health Start Plan, which can provide you with prenatal medical care and pediatric care for your baby. To learn the specifics of the plan, attend a scheduled information meeting at Irvington General Hospital from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

African-American publishers kick-off Black History Month celebration

HACKENSACK—As a featured event to begin a celebration of Black History Month, Mount Olive Baptist Church will host a book reading and signing on Saturday, January 23.

This event will feature local authors Wade Hudson, "Afro-Bets Book of Blacks Heroes from A to Z," and Cheryl Willis Hudson, "Afro-Bets ABC Books," and Cheryl, owner/publisher of "Just Us Books," will read selections from their recent publications, and will discuss the importance of books and learning materials for children that focus on the African-American experience. They will also address questions relating to Afrocentricity in literature, starting your own publishing company, how to write a book, how to get a book published and how to promote reading among young people. Other local authors are also expected to attend the event.

the event.

Lauretta Gourage, Chairperson of the Mount Olive Black History Month Planning Committee, said, "As we kick off our 1993 celebration of Black History Month and reflect on laws forbidding slaves to read and write, it is especially appropriate—since the recent historical achievement listing of three African-American women authors on the New York Times best seller list—that we open with a book reading and signing."

Reverend Gregory Jackson, Pastor of Mount Olive, encourages the community to the program, which will be held at the church, 260 Central Avenue, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Light refreshment will be served and admission is free. For more information concerning this and other Black History Month events call 201-489-6888.

Burkins honored by Drew University

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"This congregation has a tremendous commitment to community-based ministry and to the African-American community. I don't feel that it is because of anything I've done, but because of the congregation and its commitment."

The program, "With the Day Would Come III," was free and open to the public. In addition to the award presentation, The Ensemble Theatre Company of Newark performed excerpts from "The Meeting," the Bethel A.M.E. Choir presented songs, verses and words of

praise and the choir from Elmwood United Presbyterian accompanied Rev. Burkins to the program. Drew students, faculty and staff rounded out the program with musical performances and a talk on the true meaning of the day dedicated to the late civil rights leader.

Reflecting on the holiday

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we should reflect upon how well we're doing in being a just society," said Rev. Soares.

Though he believes that remembering the dream is important, Rev. Dr. James Watley, pastor of St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Newark and author of the book "Roots of Resistance: The Nonviolent Ethic of Martin Luther King," as well as numerous essays on the civil rights leader, feels that African Americans should not be placing so much emphasis on the King who made the speech in 1963, but should be reflecting on "a more mature King—the King of 1968."

The latter King was one who understood (the consequences) of racism and violence in America," Rev. Watley said. "He was a more militant King—one who was sobered by the kind of reaction that he had begun to receive as he moved the campaign from the south to the north."

Rev. Soares believes that what later appeared to be a militant King, was actually a disillusioned King. "I see a King who was passionately philosophical and really believed in the ultimate capacity of humans to be humane. The Civil Rights Movement for him was to challenge people to see the worst in society—represented by segregation and racism—which he was convinced would force them to change," Soares explained. "After being exposed to the atrocities of American Apartheid, [King] became pessimistic to people's willingness to change."

Watley agrees that by 1968 Dr. King realized that the dream "would be more difficult to attain than he had thought in 1963." He believes, though, that by that time Dr. King had a better grasp on what it would really take to truly attain his dream.

"I think he remains the most distinctive social prophet that America has ever produced," Rev. Watley said. "He did a tremendous job of [exposing the evils of racism and keeping the issue alive] while at the same time balancing a type of love ethic for even those who persecuted him. One does not see that kind of catholic ethic in a whole lot of leaders."

To commemorate the King Holiday, Rev. Soares

says that what "we should be doing is everything we can do—not only to show our appreciation, but to motivate the community at large... Most importantly, we should be teaching our children about King and his struggle for justice [for all]."

Rev. Watley says that it is important to recognize the King holiday and the dream because doing so "will keep the nation focused on the dream"—so that maybe it won't wither and die.

City News asked various people throughout the black community to comment on their feelings about the King holiday and the plight of blacks in America 25 years after Dr. King's death. Their remarks follow.

Honorable Donald M. Payne, Congressman

for the 10th District

"I think that's like a tale of two cities. We have some very negative situations—Rodney King, Crown Heights, high unemployment, violence in our cities—by the same token we have a cabinet that has four African Americans and two sub-cabinet members who are African Americans and 40 African American members of the 103 Congress... so we have the negative, but by the same token we have the positive thing. I think that hope has been restored in 1993... I think that we have an opportunity now to walk with the new spirit of the White House and so I think that when all is said and done, Dr. King would be pleased today, in his history."

Newark Mayor Sharpe James

"I think that the Los Angeles riots and the civil unrest that we've seen in our nation and the world, the need for Dr. King's vision has never been more evident. While the 'Dream' may have been slain by an assassin's bullet that terrible day in Memphis, no one could ever forget his dream. Dr. King's legacy lives on, enabling all people to realize the promise of a fairer, more equitable nation."

Orange Mayor Robert L. Brown

"As we celebrate the 46th anniversary of his birth, (continued on page 3)

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

You get on my darn nerves

This is the fourth in our series of eight columns that you can use to improve your life, now.

13. Express yourself. (Don't be afraid to tell people that they get on your darned nerves.)

The greatest weakness of the abused person is his/her refusal to say to the abuser—"Stop it, darn it!" Some people abuse you only because you won't fight back. Some people abuse you because shouting, screaming, ranting, and raving are their preferred ways of releasing their frustrations. They choose to kick you around because you won't do anything about it. They think that you are weak. They are bullies and you are their punching bag. If you want to stop being abused, you are the only one who can stop it. Oh yes, don't you abuse anyone.

14. Risk failure and you might find success. (Don't be afraid to take a chance.)

Most people who take risks and fail are not killed in the process. They have a chance to do it over again. Risking doesn't hurt too much. Risking failure in order to achieve success makes a lot of sense. People risk their lives every day when they drive on the freeway or consume the wrong foods. However, when you take a chance for success, you just might succeed the first time, the eighth time or the hundredth time.

15. Get your priorities straight. (Don't make things important that are unimportant.)

You lost your wallet last week and you are still in a state of depression. Is it worth it? Can't you get another wallet? Well, do it, then, and forget that darned lost wallet.

Mary doesn't like you? So what? Why do you care? Is it really important? What's the worst thing that can happen to you as a result of the fact that Mary doesn't like you? Not much can happen. Mary is probably another unimportant person in your life. To hell with Mary! Drop her from your life like a piece of dirty cloth. You have made her too important. The people who are your true friends, and who like you, are your highest priority. Spend time with them and your entire life will improve.

16. Keep your darned mouth shut! (Don't spread rumors about other people if you don't know what you are talking about.)

If you are a living, breathing human being, somebody is going to spread a lie about you, whether you are the nicest person in the world or the worst. Get the facts before you give your opinion about somebody.

A fact is a statement that you can support with evidence. If you don't have facts, don't spread a rumor about another person. You could be condemning the wrong person. You could be labeling a good person as bad. You could destroy a person's reputation. You could also get sued for defamation of character.

And guess what, somebody else could spread an ugly rumor about you and the could ruin your life.

I Love...You're a Great Mom...You're the Best Dad...I do... Your friendship has meant a lot to me over the years...Teacher, thanks for all your help...Sister, I Love You...Meet me for a romantic dinner, at our place, you know the day, you know the time...You've made my life worth living...Grandma, we love you...Our dear children, you are the light of my life...After "Clean Up your room," "Get off the phone," "Do the dishes," I really want to say, "I love you..." I'm sorry



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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

The following is a weekly summary of top national news events affecting the African American community, compiled by the National Black News Survey (NBNS).

■ **WHITES SET BLACK MAN AFIRE IN FLORIDA:** A black man from Brooklyn, N.Y., was recently kidnapped, robbed, doused with gasoline and set afire by three white men near Tampa, Florida on New Year's day. A few days after the incident, Christopher Wilson, 31, was listed in serious but stable condition. He suffered second and third degree burns over 40 percent of his body. Friends of Wilson said the attack appeared to be racially motivated. The police are still investigating. The FBI is also reviewing the incident. Wilson works for the New York Stock Exchange. — VALRICO, FL

■ **COURT RULING TO INCREASE MINORITY POWER IN MIAMI:** Federal judges has ordered the Metropolitan Dade County Commission be selected from 13 single districts rather than by city-wide vote. The decision will give black and Hispanics greater political power and will probably lead to a majority Hispanic Commission. There will be seven majority Hispanic districts, three majority black districts and three majority white. Under the system which was declared unconstitutional in 1989, the 13 seats were evened out between blacks and Hispanics constitute 70 percent of the population. Elections are scheduled for March 16, 1993. — MIAMI, FL

■ **FEDERAL COURT STRIKES DOWN D.C. MINORITY LAW:** A federal judge last week struck down Washington, D.C.'s minority contracting law saying the city could not set aside a third of its contracts for minority-owned firms. The decision by U.S. District Judge John Garrett was yet another blow to cities around the nation which are trying to aid black and other minority businesses. Last week's decision reflects the conservative approach to affirmative action programs adopted by the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1989 in a Richmond, Virginia case, both decisions said, in effect, that local governments must prove past discrimination against minorities before they can set aside contracts for them. At stake are hundreds of millions of dollars of dollars in lucrative work for city governments throughout the nation. The current conservative approach to such affirmative action programs is not expected to change until President-elect Bill Clinton has an opportunity to nominate more liberal judges to federal courts around the nation. — WASHINGTON, D.C.

■ **MARTIN LUTHER KING CENTER IN CUBA:** The leader of the Martin Luther King Center in communist Cuba is expected to soon take a seat in the country's National Assembly. Rev. Paul Suarez favors non-violent change in the island nation and has been generally opposed to U.S. efforts to destabilize the nation. — HAVANA, CUBA

■ **HAITIANS PROTEST 'RACISM' TREATMENT:** Recently when a group of nearly 50 white Cubans hijacked an airliner and flew to the U.S., they were greeted by U.S. officials as heroes and immediately released so they could start new lives. But, when black Haitians fled to the U.S. they are either returned to Haiti or placed in detention centers. That contrasting treatment last week prompted a group of 120 Haitian detainees to begin a hunger strike designed to draw attention to what they say is "racism" in U.S. immigration policy. American officials charge that the Cubans are fleeing political persecution in communist Cuba while the Haitians are regarded as economic refugees. "But an attorney for the protesting Haitians, Cheryl Little, accused the U.S. of having a double standard. 'These individuals, many with excellent political asylum claims, are painfully aware of the double standard which allows certain groups almost immediate release and detains others indefinitely,'" she asserted. President-elect Bill Clinton has promised to review current U.S. immigration policy. — MIAMI, FL

■ **ALBERT KING DIES:** Blues musician Albert King died recently in Memphis following a heart attack. King, 69, was a native of Indiana, Miss., and distant cousin of another blues great B.B. King. — MEMPHIS, TN

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we are reminded of the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of civil rights paired with social and economic equality for people of all races, religions or creeds and irrelevancy still today. It is, therefore, the responsibility of us as leaders and parents to instill in our young people the importance of acquiring the necessary knowledge, skills and compassion needed for economic self-sufficiency, political influence and self-worth as they prepare to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Plainfield Harold Mitchell

"Each one of us should make the holiday more than a day of rest or nostalgic remembrance. It should be a day of doing and getting involved in the continuing struggle against poverty, racism, war, and all forms of violence."

Assemblyman Gerald Green

"All Americans, no matter what their ethnic background might be, should honor this particular day. We've been able to reap the benefits of some of the things that he accomplished, but in order to keep his dream and hope alive we have to move on. We've enjoyed, the past 25 years, our civil rights, but now

we should start looking toward our economic rights."

Allison Douglas, South Brunswick

"We all have to unite as one and stop killing one another. The black family needs to get together and stay together. And we have to teach our children. Until our kids start learning respect and getting an education it's all hopeless. . . . It all starts with church."

Frank E. Coit, The Shoe Clinic, Plainfield

"I don't think we've put ourselves in a much better position. I don't think we've advanced much since the 60's. The bond of black people should be closer. . . . We can start now instilling positiveness in our black youth; and keep away from black on black crime. We should also pay strict attention to other black leaders of the past, as well as Martin Luther King."

A Believer, Edison

"If Martin Luther King was alive today, I think he'd be disillusioned. After 25 years his dream has not been realized. For us, as black people, to still have to have law passed to give us undeniable rights, that have already been given to us by virtue of the constitution, tells the world that we are still second

class citizens and the only face-saving solution is for blacks to educate themselves."

A Concerned Citizen, Plainfield

"We have all of the civil rights laws that we need, but they don't enforce the laws that are on the books. If people study history [they'd know], but they don't go back and read. Fred Douglass, Dubois, those are the people who fought for the laws and our rights."

Arlene Kelly, Plainfield

"We haven't come far at all. It's like he died for nothing. [We need to] stop these young kids from going out and killing each other; and stop the black race from putting the blame on the white man because we're doing more to each other than the white man is doing to us."

LaTosha DuLaney, Plainfield

"We have come a long way, because even with everything going on in the streets—the drugs and the killing—we are surviving. But, unless we get rid of the drugs and violence and try to be more understanding with each other and discuss matters instead of killing, I don't think we'll make it much further because everyone's destroying each other."

J. Anthony Dargan, McDonald's general manager, Plainfield

"I think it's a great honor for us to take the time to pay tribute to Dr. King and his work. I just hope that people realize how much he sacrificed. We've made strides, but there is still ground to be broken. . . . I hope that there will be more Martin Luther Kings in the future to take us through the next generations."

Calvin Johnson, The Franklin Family, The Black University Store, Plainfield

"We've come a long way, but we've still got a long way to go. His dream lives and will never die. . . . The kids are the future of our country. We have to teach them and show them that not only is education important, but business is too. We need to be in business for ourselves. Business is power."

Gloria Chukuma, African and American Variety Store, Plainfield

"When I listen to him [Dr. King] I get courage. He makes you think wisely. Black people should fight for themselves and think of the future. They should stop fighting against each other and stop blaming other people."

Mrs. Mary Darby, Plainfield

"[Martin Luther King] has been, and always will be, one of our highest inspirations. We couldn't have come this far without him. . . . We definitely need to go back to from whence we came. We need a spiritual base. There definitely has to be God first. . . . We have come a long way. We don't seem to think that we have made progress, but we have. . . . Turn off the television, it's our downfall. Find out for yourself because [television] is a complete liar."

Hassan Kamau Salim, director of Black Gold African Cultural Arts Center, Plainfield

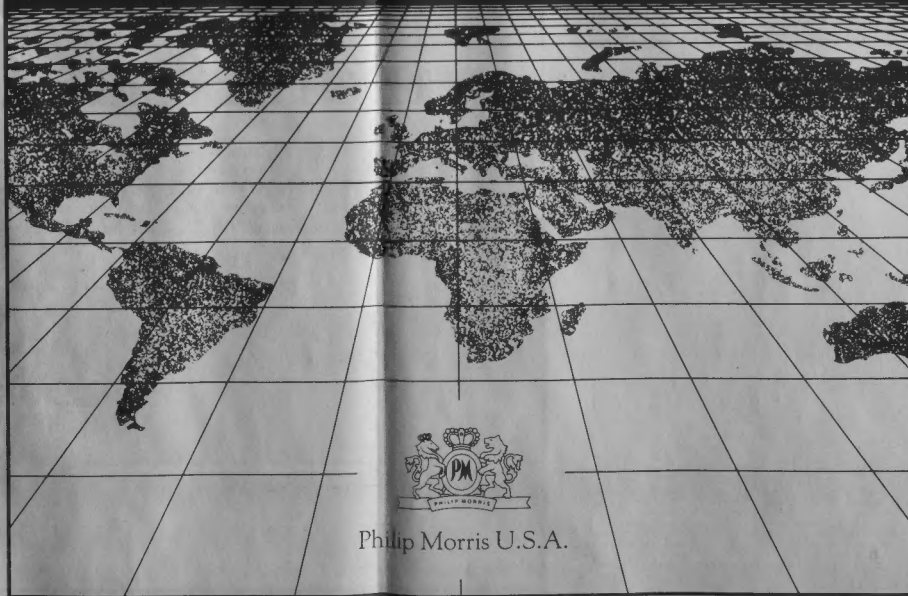
"I think Martin Luther King's dream is a beautiful concept, but before we can deal with that concept, there are some realities here in America that we need to deal with. He talked about everyone living in harmony. Before we can live in harmony, we must understand ourselves as people, not as Negroes, not even as Afro-Americans, but as African in America. We have taken Africans out of Africa and some how we think we are no longer African."

We are Africans in America. While other Africans are starving in the world, and not just in Somalia. . . . we can not join with other races. Other people to respect us when

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"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A tale of two celebrations

As we prepare to celebrate the inauguration of President-Elect Bill Clinton, another Martin Luther King Jr. holiday is upon us. There are many gatherings with speeches and singing. Schools are out and many people have a day off from work. Yet for most African-Americans this is not a time for celebration. In fact, most believe that the status of African-Americans in this country has regressed significantly and that King would shake his head with disappointment if he were alive today.

Joblessness in the black community is at an all-time low with one-quarter of black children living in poverty. And it stands to reason that this condition has a profound effect on education which is in worst shape than ever particularly in our urban schools. Homelessness steadily increases. Health care for many is practically non-existent due to out-of-control medical expenses. Anti-social behavior is on the rise because of the sense of hopelessness.

During King's term of service as champion of civil rights, he restored hope not only to black people, he restored hope in the purpose of our democracy to all people.

Under all the Washington inaugural hoopla where many black people will be winning and dining and gloating for position, hopefully, they will remember along with President Clinton that black people and the entire country must have hope. It should be the mission of this President to restore faith in the democracy we cherish—a democracy that provides for all people and particularly those least able to provide for themselves—America's children.

King based his dream on the children. If we follow his wisdom, we will do no less.

I Have A Dream

by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of that old Negro spiritual,

"Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty, we are free at last!"

— August 28, 1963 —

Washington D.C.

Excerpt from the speech given at the March on Washington



by Connie Woodruff

There's a new wind blowing over part of the Education Building in Trenton and her name is Mary Lee Fitzgerald, the new education commissioner who replaced John Ellis. Fitzgerald is not savoring a so-called "honeymoon" period. She's flexing her administrative (and political) muscle in the infancy of her tenure.

Known as an educator dedicated to "putting children first," Ms. Fitzgerald is cleaning house under the guise of reorganization, demoting many of the Ellis hierarchy and bringing in her own team of career academic administrators.

For instance: Larry Leverett was no longer an assistant commissioner, but he has been given a lower level job in the department; Luis Salgado, who took a leave of absence from Essex County College for an appointment under John Ellis, resigned and will return to an administrative post at ECC come March 1; and Isaac Bryant of Camden, who caused a flap when Ellis created an assistant deputy commissioner job for him last September may stay with the department but in a considerably less visible, lucrative post. Camden Assemblyman Wayne Bryant must be knocking his teeth over this one. Isaac was supposed to be "safe" because of his brother's political clout in the legislature and the governor's office. No doubt about it, Wayne and Isaac are viewed as a couple of South Jersey Democratic Party good ole boys.

How the Newark school system will be affected by a new commis-

As I See It...

sioner remains to be seen. But it's interesting that among a corps of new deputy commissioners are two Newark women who know a lot about the strengths and particularly the weaknesses of Newark schools.

Elena Scambio came up through the system via the teacher route, a former Newark board of education member, county (Essex) superintendent of schools and then head of the Jersey City school system when it was taken over by the state. She has to know where a lot of bodies are buried.

And it came as a shock to the folks in Newark and Essex County when Hilda Hildago decided to come out of "retirement" to join Mary Lee's new team. Hilda's been a strong advocate for reform in the Newark system since she was a "revolutionary" activist in the 1960s. In order to help Hispanic students (particularly Puerto Ricans) Hildago was a moving force behind the ASPIRA movement that improved opportunities for Latinos to be accepted in colleges and universities like Princeton, Rutgers (where she was a professor, now retired) and other institutions of higher education throughout the state.

All three of these women have strong convictions, the courage to challenge old, unworkable ideas and the willingness to work hard for the improvement New Jersey schools need so desperately.

Speaking of political influence, there was plenty of it at the Quality Inn-Ramada in Newark last week as the Democratic Party faithful gathered for a "Tribute to Essex County Freeholders."

The "tribute" was held in the hotel's first floor ballroom while in

the second level Crystal Room, the Mayor Sharpe James Civic Association had an electric-aided "good time with their standard bearers."

Whenever some guests from the "tribune" had an opportunity, they joined the "tribune" but important folks jammin' with "tizzener." Nobody was sure which hat he was wearing (county executive or Democratic county chairman) but Tom D'Alesio paid a courtesy call on the Civic Association and Mayor James, his former campaign manager and political "partner."

Speaking of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the speculation about who will be in and who will be out when the Democratic ticket is announced gets wilder by the day.

Freeholder Linda Cavanaugh is now rumored to be out of favor with Democratic decision makers and may be on the hit list with District 3 Freeholder, Leroy Jones of East Orange. If they are denied the coveted "Democratic line," it could be bye, bye for two very capable county legislators.

One party "insider" attending the "tribute" function was overheard loudly proclaiming that Sara Best may also be part of the purge.

So who will replace these people?

The party leadership may focus on Montclair for somebody to replace Cavanaugh and the guessing game about Jones' replacement seems to wave between Livingston mayor, Mike Steele and East Orange party activist, Kathy Willis. Either could have a rough time if Jones refuses to quietly crawl into oblivion.

If the above holds true for Mike

Steele, it will make it clear sailing for Sara Best to become Livingston's next mayor and no one will be happier than her husband, Fred, who packed his political ambition in mothballs when Sara's fortunes in the arena of public service burst into full bloom.

Have you seen East Orange councilman Ralph Harris lately? He has the look and stature of a man about to move up the career ladder. One of Ralph's "careers" is politics and all the talk about his chances of wresting the mayoral mantle from incumbent Cardell Cooper has to make him feel good whether in reality his chances are 50-50 or zilch.

Harris is the new kid on the block at Essex County College where he works as a student service provider and among his responsibilities is job placement for matriculating and about-to-graduate students. Talk about timing!

According to a very reliable source, Dr. Pauline Coleman of the Newark Collaboration Group, will join a federal agency in Washington (a reward for her work on behalf of President Bill Clinton) after an extended vacation "somewhere down South, away from cold, cold, Newark, New Jersey."

I don't think Newark was "cold" to Dr. Coleman. She had access to the downtown money pots, applause for the seminars promoted by the Newark Collaboration members and got big bucks for calling meetings that were little more than talk-a-thons about problems familiar to the city's haves and have-nots. She also has a new, impressive item to add to her resume and that ain't half bad.

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Students sought for Leadership Network

by Marian Wright Edelman

The Black Student Leadership Network (BSLN) is a national body of young, black college students and community-based activists working together to improve life for African-American children.

Founded in June 1991, the BSLN grew out of a conference hosted by the Children's Defense Fund in an effort to sensitize black college students to issues concerning black children and families. The 40 young people who attended from across the country recognized the need for an interest in a national organization of young, black leaders working

on behalf of our children.

In a year-and-a-half, the BSLN has organized and provided training for dozens of students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); elite, predominantly white universities; public universities and community colleges. All of these students were involved in community service or advocacy work before joining the BSLN, but it was in the Network that they learned the importance of linking-service with advocacy, and just how to do it.

Lisa Y. Sullivan, a doctoral student at Yale University, founding member and an organizer of the BSLN, describes the transition from service to advocacy: "While it's

good to go to the soup kitchen and feed hungry people, it's equally important to ask why they're coming in the soup kitchen and what you have to do as advocate to not have anybody need soup kitchens anymore."

The BSLN offers intensive, summer-long training programs as well as regional, weekend trainings around the country. Students learn how to work with and affect the media; how to identify, apply for and raise financial support; how to utilize campus and community resources; how to enter and exit a community, learn who the real (often unsung) leaders are and how to work with them; how to develop and implement a service program; and how to advocate effectively. And always, the link, between service and advocacy, and the road between the two, is strongly emphasized and demonstrated.

Steve White, Director of the BSLN, reminds the students that, for black folk, asking the questions that lead to advocacy, is natural, but we "often stay away from what we consider 'politics' — the world of Capitol Hill and the White House. We get them to see they've been doing politics all along, but didn't think of it that way."

The trainings also include lessons in civil rights movement history, which is so important for young people. They tell us how much it helps to put things into a historical context, and to learn from the lessons of previous movements.

Once the training is completed, the stu-

dents are placed in local communities to work with the people there. Not only do they learn a lot, but many of them make invaluable contributions.

One of my favorite "success stories" from last summer's Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute is of two young, single mothers, Paulette from the Bronx, New York and Kim from Boston, who organized 40 single mothers in a housing project in rural North Carolina to protest utility rates that were so inflated they kept the women from being able to properly feed their children.

While Paulette and Kim worked closely with the women, they encouraged them to organize themselves, identify key issues and work to address them. The women convinced the city leaders to lower the utility rates and help them apply for a refund.

The summer training is named in honor of one of my mentors, Ella Baker, who founded the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the 1960's. She believed in and taught us that we are all leaders, and the challenge is to empower people to understand the issues that relate to our children, such as violence, education, drug abuse prevention, etc. You can call Steve White at 202-662-3502 to find out more.

YOUTH EXCITED ABOUT SUCCESS

Stephen M. Watson of New Brunswick has been named to the President's List for Fall 1992 at Raritan Valley Community College. The President's List recognizes full-time students (taking 12 credits or more) who received "A's" in all courses during the semester. Tracy L. Young, Lawrence Allen, Rae Jean Beenders, Patricia DiPaolo, Karen A. Dreyfus, Shannon Fahs, Nancy A. Fela, Jessica Griffiths, Elizabeth Holmes, Anne E. Landwersen James M. Lyons, Brian T. Giese, Movicia Mazingo, Nancy A. O'Sullivan, Keith A. Wighard, and Sandra L. Wood of North Plainfield; Brian R. Azzarello and Martin S. Cole of New Brunswick; and Vincenzam Runci of North Brunswick have all been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 1992 semester at Raritan Valley Community College.

Rori Corrales is making a difference

BLOOMFIELD—Upon graduating high school in her homeland of Colombia, South America, Rori Catherine Corrales was awarded a scholarship to attend the University of San Salvador to prepare for a career in medical research.

After two years there, Rori knew "this wasn't the place or the vocation for me, if I was going to be truly effective...if I was going to make a real and lasting impact."

"What I really wanted was to go into Christian education; to work with youth and teach them the importance of commitment to Christian values. I believe I can accomplish more this way than anything I can do in a lab."

To this end, Rori, now a resident of Newark, enrolled at the New York Theological Seminary. One of her instructors there impressed upon her the importance of earning a Bachelor's degree prior to obtaining a Theological degree.

"He told me I needed the education, the background first," Rori recalls, "he then told me about Bloomfield College."

Three years have since passed and Rori has never regretted her decision to attend Bloomfield College. An honors student, she maintains a 3.35 grade-point-average as an interdisciplinary contract major, concentrating on history, political science, and religion.

Outside of class, Rori works full-time as a secretary in the College's English As A Second Language office. She has been an officer of the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) and an editor of the student newspaper, among other endeavors.

Earlier this year, Rori was selected to serve on a statewide task force charged by Chancellor of Higher Education Edward Goldberg with developing strategies to improve the undergraduate student experience at New Jersey's colleges and universities.

Although Rori's academic schedule and other commitments occupy a great deal of her time, her church remains her "vocation and avocation." She is a long-time member of the Westside Presbyterian Church in Englewood, NJ, and has been teaching Sunday school there for more than seven years. Rori has helped bring "a multicultural perspective" to the Church.

Rori explains, "By building affiliations and by teaching understanding, appreciation, and respect of differences, we strengthen ourselves. Thus, I believe the Church now is much stronger and united."

Rori's efforts on behalf of her church have not gone unrewarded. She is currently being considered for the position of Elder, and when the selection becomes official, Rori will be the youngest woman Elder in Westside's long history. She also serves on the Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of the Palisades and the Youth Caucus of the Northeast Synod.

Following her graduation from Bloomfield College, Rori will enter the innovative Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA, the only graduate school in the U.S. teaching holistic Christian education. Much of the study is experiential in nature.

Rori will be receiving some experiential education closer to home over the next few months. She recently was approached by the Rev. Robert Blackwell, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Arlington, NJ, and a Bloomfield College Trustee, about establishing a Youth Fellowship at that parish.

"I believe you don't have to hit kids over the head with the Gospel," Rori says. "If you give them an outlet in which to invest their time and energy and feel good about themselves, you also are sensitizing them to their spiritual side. They then will continue to look for ways to heighten their spirituality. Community service is an ideal way to accomplish this."



Rori Catherine Corrales



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Reflecting on a holiday

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that is happening. We want to join hands with people who are taking care of their business, when we are not taking care of ours. . . I have a little time to sing the spirituals that Martin Luther King sang because I am spending my time on the work."

Pat Gonzalez, Plainfield

"Things have changed. Things have definitely changed as far as civil rights is concerned. We have come close to realizing the dream, but we do have a while to go. We, as black folks, should stick together and try to carry his dreams out."

Mr. Richard Gardner, acting principal at Orange High School

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"I think long as people really focus on what Dr. King was really all about, it makes the holiday worth while. We still have a long way to go. If we want to use the holiday for what it was really intended, we should focus on how we treat our fellow man."

Dr. Stephen Cowan, principal at East Orange High School

"I think that Martin's philosophy says that issues facing minorities are moral issues. As a black educator, I have the same philosophy. The issue of the education of minority students is a moral issue. I think the nation needs to ask itself some hard questions about the education or miseducation of students. I think before Martin's philosophy the idea of morality in education was not an issue, but it is largely a moral issue. America needs to change its attitude about the education of students, especially minority students. . . How instrumental he would be in improving the educational system in the urban communities."

Lance Rozsa, principal at Plainfield High School

"It's wonderful that as a nation we are celebrating the holiday because in doing so we are recognizing the dream and all that Martin Luther King accomplished. . . Celebrating the holiday enables youngsters to learn from past experiences and look toward building a stronger future."

Rev. Reginald Jackson, St. Matthews A.M.E. Church in Orange

"I think the King holiday, especially this year, presents a tremendous challenge because we, as black people, especially in Essex County, find ourselves in contradiction. We, like King, talk about black empowerment and then give away power, whether it be the abandonment of political power—the county chairmanship or president of the county freeholders—or the pitting of black leaders against each other. In addition to that, we allow so many pressing issues to go unaddressed because of our own petty manipulations. It is ironic that Dr. King's dream would be stalled by many of those who look like him and sound like him, but lack his courage, his principle and his personal security. Maybe this holiday will cause us to take a new look at ourselves and the blackness as more than a color, but also as a purpose, mission and principle."

Rev. Jerry W. Henry, Shiloh Baptist Church, Plainfield

"The life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. compelled America to look at itself, to reexamine its fundamental principles and reverse its course. King challenged white America to share the perks of power to extend freedom, justice, and opportunity to all Americans. King challenged Afro America to rekindle its

cultural strength and pride and prepare themselves for the "promise land" of our freedom, justice and opportunity to come. The celebration of his birthday ought to be a time for the same kind of self-examination and recommitment to these lofty but attainable goals."

Rev. Kelmo Porter, St. John's Baptist Church, Scotch Plains

"My congregation in Montclair supported Dr. Martin Luther King from the beginning by donating \$1500 to the bus boycott. Since that time, we have shared in King's dream. However, during the last two administrations, much of the progress that had been made was lost. Now, President-elect Clinton has demonstrated through his appointments that blacks will be able to recover and gain new advances. To that end, our congregation will celebrate the birthday of Dr. King in the spirit of renewed hope."

Laurence Rice, President of Lohr Video Group

"Dr. King had ideals in place, but they just haven't materialized. We, as a race of people, will have to turn up the flame and get much more aggressive in terms of economic freedom and being aware of who and where we are. We are not sure of our future if we don't sort out our past. . . We have unlimited potential, but you can never realize your potential if you don't wake up."

Janette Ford, NJ resident and teacher in Brooklyn, NY

"We've made a great many advances, but they've been taken back. The struggles that we made in the 60's have been forgotten. . . We're more worried about doing for self than doing for the whole group."

A. Eugene Baucum, Jr., president of High Performance Alternatives, Inc. in Plainfield

"We need to focus on justice and the children. The other perspective is that it is now time for economic empowerment. If Dr. Martin Luther King were here today, instead of saying we should ride in front of the bus, he'd say we ought to own the bus."

Don Miller, Montclair Resident who painted a mural

Plainfield picks up storm related brush

PLAINFIELD—The City of Plainfield, Division of Public Works, during the month of January, will deploy crews to pick up Christmas trees, storm related brush, tree limbs, and branches.

These items can be placed at the curbside for pick-up over the next three (3) weeks. Please note that branches, and tree limbs should be no longer than four (4) feet in length and these items should not be placed

for Martin Luther King that was unveiled on the first celebration of his birthday (January 20, 1986)

"The man's life truly inspired me. I think he was one of the truly exceptional human beings in his ability to articulate the struggle and inspire other leaders to work with him; and in the end to knowingly offer his life for the struggle. My appreciation for him is without bound."

Hamilton V. Bowser, Evanbrow

"I think it's a big waste to the school system. Keep the kids in school and teach them what Martin Luther King was all about. . . All the people who have paid holidays off should be made to give their day to some organization where it will do some good."

on piles of leaves. The Division of Public Works will continue to separately pick up leftover piles of loose leaves to the end of January. Take note that no bagged leaves will be picked up during this period, however, bagged leaves can be dropped off at the Transfer Station, 910 South Avenue, Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., during this period.

The Division will continue to allow residents with coupons, purchased in December, to drop-off recyclable materials at the Transfer Station through January. If you need additional information or have questions, please call 908-753-3427.

The Lessons of 1992

by Susan Baker

As each year comes to a close, I like to take note of the many things I learned over the past 12 months. Here are some of my lessons of 1992:

1) When in Doubt, Cover. Emily, 5, discovered gymnastics in 1992. It was love at first sight. Most of the rolls, jumps and twirls she performs each week seem relatively harmless. But when she walks backwards — on beams towering above the ground, I can't watch. I hide my eyes until the gasps from mothers around me turn to sighs of relief. Then I know it's safe to look.

2) Just Call It Animal House. I finally realized that my efforts to reduce our menagerie are useless. We lost, through old age, two birds and a hamster. But we gained a guinea pig and two gerbils.

3) You Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks. In 1992 I resigned myself to some of my husband's annoying habits. I realized, for example, that he'll never quit rolling his socks into little balls before tossing them into the laundry. Although I hate to unball his sneaky socks, after 18 years I figure it's a lost cause.

4) Time is on My Side. Julie, 12, realized that she will one day be permitted to drive a car. She has started saving her allowance. She helps me carry my keys. She offers to take Emily to school. "Only three years and 93 days," she advises.

5) I Never Promised You a Rose Garden. Our family discovered that septik tanks quit working after 20 years or so. When they do, you know it. Your neighbors know it. Antoin, a hot, muggy day, people a few streets away know it. So you spend your hard-earned savings on a stupid pipe and the privilege of "tapping on" to the city sewer system.

6) You Can't Teach an Old Dog New Tricks, Part II. In February, I rearranged a few kitchen drawers. Big mistake. To this day, I open the silverware drawer when I want a dish towel, the plastic bag drawer when I want a can-opener and the phone book drawer when I want maps.

7) You Can't Teach Some Dogs Any Tricks. Our beagle, Abby, turned two in 1992. After watching our possessions chewed, our garden mutilated and our neighbors terrorized, we greeted the end of puppyhood with glee. But, despite the best efforts of family members and several doggie behaviorists, she refuses to respond to simple commands like, "Come, Abby!" or "Leave the skunk alone, Abby!"

8) Always Stay Tuned. Who knows what wild adventures and enriching experiences await us in the new year.

Susan Baker is a writer who lives in Kentucky with her husband and daughters.

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Behind the scenes with Lisa Collins

Hollywood's Gold Rush

Denzel Washington came up with a nomination in the best actor category for his work in "X" in the recently announced nominations for the 50th Annual Golden Globe Awards, which take place January 23. The Globes, handed out by the Foreign Press Association, are regarded as an indication of what to expect of the upcoming Oscar Awards in March. They will be broadcast live by the Turner Broadcasting System. Aside from Denzel's nod, "Malcolm X" was ignored. "Sister Act" received two nominations; one for best picture and the other for Whoopi Goldberg for best actress. (The



Denzel Washington

question is will Goldberg be accompanied to the awards by Ted Danson). Other nominations went to Alfre Woodard (best supporting actress) for "Passion Fish"; Will Smith ("Fresh Prince of Bel Air") for best actor in a musical or comedy series; and Regina Taylor ("I'll Fly Away") for best actress in a dramatic series. "I'll Fly Away" was also nominated for best dramatic series.

Hardly Singing The Blues

Niki Harris, a backup singer for Madonna, has landed the starring role as Billie Holiday in Billie's "Song," an independent feature film on the life of the legendary jazz singer. Bruce Willis also stars in the \$20 million film, set to begin production this

month. Harris's looks and vocals were said to have won her the coveted role. The daughter of jazz pianist Gene Harris, she most recently toured with Madonna, and is featured in the superstar's "Truth or Dare" documentary. Harris will do the soundtrack for the movie, and is reportedly in the midst of negotiating a deal with Madonna's label, Maverick Records.

Looking Ahead — 1993 film scene for African-Americans

A star-studded roster of rappers join Doctor Dre and Ed Lover, the hosts of MTV's daily program "Yo MTV Raps," in "New Line Cinema's" "Who's the Man?" The action comedy, filmed in Harlem and scheduled for release in April, features Ice-T, Queen Latifah, Kris Kross, KRS-One, Heavy D, House of Pain, Flavor Flav, A Tribe Called Quest, Mary J. Blige, Yo-Yo, Bushwick Bill and Bowlegged Lou of Full Force.... Actor Samuel L. Jackson will star in "Amos N' Andrew," a social comedy (due February 19) about a black playwright who takes up residence on an exclusive vacation island and is mis-

taken for a burglar in his own home.... Will Smith teams with Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Danson in a romantic comedy due from Warner Brothers. Meanwhile, Columbia is pushing up production on "The Black Panther," to star Wesley Snipes.... "Rapper L.L. Cool J is developing 'Blade,' the story of a black vampire hunter.... Set to premiere mid-March is 'Meteor Man,' starring Robert Townsend and an all-star supporting cast including Luther Vandross, Big Daddy Kane, Bill Cosby, Robert Guillaume and Marla Gibbs.... Coming this summer is 'Poetic Justice' with Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur in a modern-day street romance about a hairdresser (Jackson) and a young postal worker (Shakur).... Faces to watch include newcomer Wolfgang Bodison, tapped by Rob Reiner for a key role in 'A Few Good Men,' and Victoria Rowell, who day-ports Dracula on CBS's 'The Young & The Restless.' Last year, Rowell moonlighted as Eddie Murphy's love interest in 'The Distinguished Gentleman.'

Coming to TV...

...screens everywhere in 1993 is TNT's "Percy & Thunder." The

cast includes James Earl Jones, Courtney Vance and Billy Dee



Janet Jackson

Williams — Ivan Dixon directs.... Later this month, Fox will air "Who Killed Martin Luther King?" (on January 22). The report explores the possible innocence of convicted assassin James Earl Ray. Rev. Jesse Jackson, activist Dick Gregory and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark debate his guilt.... And don't forget "Queen," the six-hour CBS mini-series that stars Halle Berry, Jasmine Guy, Danny Glover, and Ann Margaret. "Queen," which is set to bow next month, is the story of Alex Haley's grandmother....

By the way...

Congratulations to Halle Berry, who wed Atlanta Braves outfielder David Justice in a small, intimate ceremony on New Year's Eve.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

ENGLEWOOD—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform music of Schubert, Dvorak and Beethoven at 8 p.m. at the State Theatre. For more info or tickets call 1-800-ALLEGRO or 201-624-8203 (M-F, 11-6; Sat. 12-5).

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

NEWARK—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will perform music of Schubert, Dvorak and Beethoven at 3 p.m. at Symphony Hall. For more info or tickets call 1-800-ALLEGRO or 201-624-8203 (M-F, 11-6; Sat. 12-5).

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SOUTH ORANGE—The New Jersey Youth Symphony, Inc. will present a Winter Concert of its Youth Orchestra at South Orange Middle School, 70 North Ridgeway Road, at 3 p.m. The concert is open to the public via door donation.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society will be resuming its Sunday meetings with a discussion of autobiographical works by Italian Neri, "Every Good by Ann Gable," and Lorena Cary, "Black Ice." All are welcome to join the group. For more info call Janice Peoples, 908-561-6330, Barbara Davis, 908-561-7642, or Karen Torian, 908-561-7666.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 12

WOODBURGH—The Barron Arts Center has a sale for the January Blues. An exhibition entitled "Winter Thoughts"

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will open, with an artists' reception from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The public is invited. The exhibition will continue through February 12. For more info call 908-634-0419.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 21

NEW BRUNSWICK—The legendary Ruby Dee will bring the words of novelist Rosa Guy to life on the Coastroads Theatre Company stage as the narrator of "The Disappearance," which will have its world premiere as Coastroads Theatre Company's Black History Month production. For tickets call the Box Office at 908-249-8560.

MONTCLAIR—The Story Salad Troupe will perform "Amelia Bedelia and Other Stories" as part of the Pigeon Playhouse series presented by the Art Council of the Essex Area. For more info, tickets or Pigeon Playhouse brochures call 201-764-1717.

'Sing in Praise of King!'

NEWARK—The City of Newark will present "Sing in Praise of King! The Fifth Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," on Tuesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street.

The guest speaker for the event will be the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of Atlanta, Ga. Musical selections will be performed by The Sensational Voices and The Messengers of Christ. Also participating in the celebration will be Rev. Charles Banks, pastor of Newark's Greater Harvest Baptist Church.

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CITY BUSINESS

Bradley listens as Jerseyans share concerns about economic recovery

MONTCLAIR — Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ) held a listening session last week in Essex County with New Jerseyans to discuss the prospects for economic recovery and the effects the current economic situation is having on their families and local businesses.

According to the senator, "This meeting is a way to continue a dialogue with the constituents who have written to me about the economy, the deficit, and other issues relating to the prospects of growth. Listening to their ideas and opinions are very important and (they) give me guidance when considering policy options."

The discussion was attended by a diverse

group of approximately 90 people and covered a wide range of issues — including the federal deficit, unemployment, housing and health care costs, taxes and welfare. In addition to hosting town meetings, Bradley has held several listening sessions with people who have contacted him on a variety of issues — the most recent on health care reform — as an additional way to communicate with constituents and include them in policy debates.

Bradley, Chairman of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Deficits, Debt Management, and Intergovernmental Debt, put the discussion into the overall context of the effect the deficit is having

on economic growth.

"We are at a point where we have to be very serious about the implications the federal deficit has for all of us," Bradley said. "Unless we get control of the deficit, we are not going to be able to restore a kind of long-term hope to people's lives."

He referred to a study by the General Accounting Office (GAO) last summer in which the current deficit was calculated at an annual cost of nearly \$14 million per American. He projected that if we continue on the current path, without any significant deficit reduction plan, the debt per capita rate will soar to \$69,000 a year by the year 2020.

Business Calendar

MONDAYS, NOW thru FEBRUARY 22
PARAMUS—The EXCEL Start Right entrepreneurial training program of the New Jersey Association of Commerce will present a comprehensive estate planning seminar to be held at the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$75, \$65 for members (an additional \$15 discount paid by Jan. 10).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20
RANIT—The Somerset Chamber of Commerce will present a comprehensive estate planning seminar to be held at the Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$75, \$65 for members (an additional \$15 discount paid by Jan. 10).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21
RANIT—A new organization formed by Chamber members to help other members implement the Quality Improvement Process will hold its first monthly meeting at 8:30 a.m. in room C207 of Raritan Valley Community College's College Center Building (park in lot 1 or 2). Admission is free.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
LIVINGSTON—The founder of Meridian Enterprises, Della Menichello, will present a workshop on "Effective Networking" at the meeting of the Essex/Morris Chapter of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) at 6 p.m. at the Livingston Holiday Inn, Route 10. To make reservations call Lois Pressman at 201-822-2500.

Send in your calendar events: P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield NJ 07061

Analysis of the crisis in Somalia on 'Newark: On the Line'

Rutgers University Professor, Said Samatar will discuss the causes and solutions to the problems in his troubled country of Somalia when he appears as a guest on "Newark: On the Line," live on Monday, January 25, at 8 p.m. on Cablevision's channel 3.

"I think Said Samatar presents a great opportunity for our viewers to learn more about the plight of Somalia and its people," said Tom Guy, programming director and producer of "Newark: On the Line."

Samatar, who specializes in African History and has written extensively about various aspects of Somalia society, will examine the real extent of disintegration within Somalia, and the elements which led to the present chaotic situation. He will explore the influence and control exerted by the merchants and so-called "war lords" over the population.

The United States relief efforts have reduced significantly the number of Somalis dying of starvation, and the military presence has curbed the occurrence of open warfare in the streets. Professor Samatar will look at these actions to measure their effect in restoring peace and political stability, and give his views on how normalcy can be regained in the long term.

Viewers are urged to call in with their questions or to share their observations on the crisis in Somalia. Connie Woodruff's commentary will be seen in the closing segment of the show, and Mayor Sharpe James will also respond to her commentary from the show of January 11, on which he was the guest.

Professor Samatar has been teaching in American Universities since 1973, and at Rutgers University since 1981. Toni Randolph, News Director at WRGO FM, will host the show.

Storm recovery loans

Chemical Bank: Chemical Bank New Jersey announced a special loan program, and other measures designed to help New Jersey residents repair the damage caused by the recent major winter storm. In effect through February 1, 1993, the program provides reduced loan rates, priority processing and CD penalty waivers for premature withdrawals. Complete information can be obtained from local CBN branch offices or by calling 1-800-CHEM INFO.

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branch managers in storm-ravaged communities are working with local officials to determine specific areas of need and the Bank is supporting employees' volunteer efforts statewide.

Valley National Bank: To help home- and business-owners repair damage caused by the recent storm, Valley National Bank is offering a special Storm Recovery Loan. The loan is available on primary residences and business properties in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris and Passaic counties through January 31 only.

The loans are being offered at amounts up to \$10,000 for as long as five years at an annual percentage rate (APR) of 7%. There are no points, no application or appraisal fees and no closing costs.

Conditional approval for loans on primary residences can be obtained in two business days and for business properties in five business days.

Customers may obtain a loan application or more information through their nearest Valley National branch, or by calling the bank's Home Equity Department, 1-800-522-4100, ext. 372, for a home loan, or, for a business loan, the bank's Commercial Real Estate Loan Department, 201-305-4026.

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PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, NOTICE is hereby given that the following properties which consist of heating equipment and related parts shall be made available for PUBLIC BID and all submissions shall be made prior to the bid opening date of January 27, 1992, 11:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME, at the Housing Authority Offices, located at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

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The Bid Opening will be held at: 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Feb. 8, 1992 in the Conference Room of the Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A voluntary pre bid conference will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Bidding documents, including plans and specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 in the Purchasing Department or at the Public Hearing Room, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055. A non-refundable charge of \$25.00 (in check form) will be required to obtain plans and specification.

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The Authority will only accept original and originally executed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid, Affidavits, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, Statement of Compliance, Bid Bond, Contract of Sale, Certificate as to Corporate Principal, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

Photographs and/or telefax copies of such documents must not be accepted in lieu of originals.

All bidders will be required to submit a certified or cashier check to the order of the Authority for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

An appropriate surety's consent by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey and to the application for bid bonding must be obtained from the full and faithful performance of the contract in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract or the protection of all persons furnishing materials or labor for fulfilling the contract. The contract shall be void if the contractor's check is not cashed within thirty (30) days of the date of the contract. The contractor's check must be submitted with either type of security (5% of bid amount) including a certified or cashier's check, amount or bid bond.

Bid bond, Consent of Surety, Performance and Payment Bonds must be obtained from Bid Bond Surety Company, Attention: Bid Bond Department, 1000 Morris Avenue, Suite 200, Newark, New Jersey 07102, Tel. 973-482-1234, Fax 973-482-1235.

All bids and security must be enclosed in properly sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bonds or Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) of the contract price.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period to sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of Withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

G. M. RUSSANO
PURCHASING AGENT

1/13/93

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice, that Robert Cummings, Auctioneer shall expose for sale, in accordance with R.S. 39-10.1, at public auction on 2/19/93, 88 Chevrolet Van #101171 W712923222 at 9:15A.M. at 2188 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, New Jersey 07310. All bidders are required to appear in person or by power of attorney or failure of owners to claim same shall be forfeited to the Automobile Body Shop.

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GOING OUT OF BUSINESS - HOUR CLEANERS

172 FERRY STREET NEWARK, NJ 07105
One Hour Cleaners will be going out of business as of January 31, 1993. If you have garments at our 172 Ferry Street, please pick them up immediately. We are not responsible for any garments left in store after that date.

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FAX BIDS TO (908) 754-3403

LEGAL NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE GRANT FUND SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM
Take notice that the Division of Youth and Family Services is receiving proposals from public and private agencies, including non-profit organizations, for the provision of school age child care programs. The purpose of the program is to provide care and supervision for school age children, during after school hours, during school holidays, and during summer months. The program is intended to be a supplement to the care provided by parents. The program is intended to be a supplement to the care provided by parents. The program is intended to be a supplement to the care provided by parents.

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INVITATION TO BID

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
The Housing Authority of Plainfield will receive single lump sum bids for:

- SECOND STREET DAY CARE, ELWOOD GARDENS**
120-21, PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY which consists of the following:
- Door and Frames
 - Interior Finishes
 - Painting

until 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on the 12th day of February, 1992 at the Office of the Authority, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the Office of the Housing Authority of Plainfield, 510 East Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey, and the Office of Johnson Jones, Architects/Planners, P.A., 20 Nassau Street, Princeton, New Jersey 08542.

Copies of the documents may be obtained by depositing \$25.00 with the Housing Authority of Plainfield for each set of drawings and specifications so obtained. Such deposit will be refunded to each person who returns the plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) calendar days after bid (due) date.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the Housing Authority of Plainfield, U.S. Government Bonds, or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and acceptable to the Authority, in the amount of ten (10) percent of the bid shall be submitted with the bid.

The following forms submitted with the specifications shall be submitted with each bid:

- Proposal Form
- Bid Bond or Security Affidavit
- Consent of Surety
- Previous Participation Certificate

Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

The Housing Authority of Plainfield reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of Plainfield.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY
1/20/93 1/27/93
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTERNEY

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem is seeking proposals from attorneys/law firms to serve as legal counsel to the Authority. Proposals should be written to address the following quality merit factors which shall be used by the Authority to evaluate proposals:

1. Experience as Housing Authority Counsel.
2. Experience and competence with Federal HUD Public Housing Regulations and Procedures.
3. Experience with Federal and State Public Agencies Law, in particular Local Public Contracts Law.

The contract period will be for one year.

Information packages will be available to all interested parties at the Housing Authority of the City of Salem. Proposals must be submitted to the address below and must be received no later than Wednesday, January 20, 1993 at 11:00 a.m.

Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of Salem
200 Seventh Street
Salem, NJ 08079
(609) 935-0620

LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking professional services of Independent Public Accountants to perform audit services of the Authority's Public Housing program, Modernization program, Section 8 program, and Drug Identification program.

The Authority consists of 470 units of conventional housing, 151 Section 8 certificates, and 26 Section 8 vouchers. The Authority has modernization funding in excess of \$7 million. The audit period will be from October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992. All respondents must be familiar with Public Housing and Department of Housing and Urban Development accounting.

Please submit proposals outlining a lump sum fee to Lawrence R. Jackson, Executive Director, Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early Street, Morristown, New Jersey 07960, no later than February 5, 1993.

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LEGAL NOTICE

LAWRENCE R. JACKSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HELP WANTED

CHURCH SECRETARY
Computer literate, flexible hours in winter part time summer, Word Perfect a plus. Send resume to: E. She, First Presbyterian Church of Plainfield, 724 Park Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060. No call please.

HELP WANTED

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
Recreation Supervisor/Assistant Supervisor
Salary \$3,000 to Maximum \$48,870.00
15 hours per week
For information call: (201) 483-6629

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FREE-LANCE WRITERS
New Jersey's fastest growing group of writers seeking experienced writers for their weekly newspaper. Long known for its journalistic excellence, needs free-lance writers to cover City-County Sessions, school board meetings, and local events in PLAINFIELD, NEWARK, ORANGE, EAST ORANGE, RAVENSTON, SCENIC, and other areas. Send resume and/or writing samples to J.M.J., P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

HELP WANTED

THE NEWARK YMCA HAS SOMETHING FOR YOU!
Self defense, Ping Pong, basketball, youth center, swim classes, co-ed volleyball league, basketball league, aerobic classes, martial arts, preschool learning and programs - Classes start Jan. 1, 1993. Register now. Newark YMCA, 600 Broadway, Newark, NJ 07102, Phone # 201-624-8800

HELP WANTED

DIRECTOR OF CIRCULATION
Circulation manager needed to supervise distribution operations for African-American publications. Must be flexible and have own transportation. Send resume to H.C.J., P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

HELP WANTED

ARCHITECT
Small builder in new, remodeling & additions. Must be experienced in design, blue drawings, site inspection & arbitration area. New, solid, weekend OK. Very responsible rates. Only call: 908-561-2022.

HELP WANTED

LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
equal opportunity employers
ONE (1) ESL TEACHER/EMERGENCY
ONE (1) BILINGUAL TEACHER - POLISH
K-12 bilingual endorsement, NJ certification required
ONE (1) SCHOOL NURSE
NJ certification required
TWO (2) PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS
NJ certification required
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
Respond on line January 21, 1993 by sending resume to: Alvin Coplin, Assistant Superintendent, School One Annex, 728 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036

In Essex County, call:

201-504-9300
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS
Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, County of Middlesex, New Jersey on March 1, 1993, at 10:00 A.M. in the Office of the Executive Director, 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.

1. Multi-Peril Insurance Coverage at Replacement Values
2. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance Coverage to become effective April 1, 1993

Specifications may be obtained personally at the Office of the Executive Director, 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked "BID FOR MULTI-PERIL INSURANCE," addressed to Ms. Madeline Cook, PHM, Executive Director, Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge.

The Services to be provided are regarded as professional services. As such, not only price but the professional ability, size of the proposer's organization, proximity to the Housing Authority and other similar factors may be utilized in awarding the contracts involved hereunder. Qualifications insurance companies to be used will also be subject to rating in Best's A, or better. Proposals will be received from any agent, broker or insurance company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and having a fully staffed claims office within the State of New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or any part thereof, for any cause whatsoever. No proposals shall be deemed accepted or a contract awarded until adoption of a resolution to that effect by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority.

Proposed policy to be subject to pro-rata cancellation until approved by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

MADELINE COOK, PHM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE

INVITATION TO BID

EXTENSION/PEST CONTROL
The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic is soliciting bids for Extension and Pest Control, for all of the Authorities facilities.

Bidders are to submit their bid in a Sealed Envelope marked "BID For Extension and Pest Control" and place within a mailing envelope. Specification may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055.

The Bid Opening will be held at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Tuesday, February 9, 1993 at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A voluntary pre bid conference will be held on Friday, Jan. 27, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or to waive withdrawal for a period of 90 days without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Passaic.

Please contact Mr. G. M. RUSSANO, Purchasing Agent at (201) 365-4347 for any questions.

G. M. RUSSANO
PURCHASING AGENT

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

REQUEST FOR INSURANCE PROPOSAL - BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE -
RFP 0115-1
The Housing Authority of the City of Newark is accepting proposals/question from qualified Insurance Companies, Agents and Brokers, for its BUSINESS AUTO COVERAGE. A copy of the specific details of the coverage, as well as other relevant information is available at the following address:

CONTRACT MANAGER:
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
57 SUSSEX AVENUE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07103
(201) 434-2300

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or to waive withdrawal for a period of 90 days without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark.

Proposals/quotes shall be submitted to the Contracts Division, to the attention of Jose Martinez, Contracting Officer, at the above address. The outside of the envelopes must be clearly marked "INSURANCE PROPOSALS". RFP 0115-1

Proposals will be received until 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 19, 1993.

HAROLD LUGAR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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